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Dear Dr. Law:

I have received the revised draft Feasibility Study Work Plan (FSWP) you submitted on January 31, 2014. The transmittal letter requests that we review and approve this document by February 28, 2014.

First, we cannot commit to approving a document by a date certain without first completing a thorough review. In addition, please recall that the email I sent you on December 13, 2013 transmitting our comments on the prior version stated that "We may have additional comments after our meeting next week, or on similar sections once another draft is submitted." EPA never anticipated that this next draft would necessarily be final.

Second, and more importantly, I noticed that there have been substantial changes made to the document that were not necessarily made directly in response to EPA comments. For example, several pages of language from the preliminary, draft CSM that you recently submitted were added to the work plan. As you have said, the CSM is a living document that is still under review, and my initial reaction is that it is inappropriate to include such level of detail in the FSWP. Changes such as these will necessitate a detailed review of the entire document and make an expedited review more difficult.

Finally, I will be requesting a three week turnaround for review in an attempt to respond to you by the end of the month. However, I hope you understand that I cannot guarantee that this will happen.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steph Vaughn", written over a horizontal line.

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